

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2 and 4-13 are currently pending with Claims 14-20 having been cancelled by this response. It is respectfully submitted that the following remarks present no new issues or new matter and place this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Double Patenting Rejection of Claims 1,2, 4-8 and 12-13

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 12-13 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 5, 6, 10-12 and 16-17 of co-pending Application No. 10/768,562.

Applicants hereby file a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection and request that this rejection be withdrawn.

II. Double Patenting Rejection of Claims 1,2, and 4-7

Claims 1, 2, and 4-7 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-4, 8 and 9 of co-pending Application No. 10/575,691.

Applicants hereby file a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection and request that this rejection be withdrawn.


III. Objection of Claims 10-11

Claims 10-11 are objected to as being dependant on a rejected base claim. Since the double patenting rejection of independent Claim 1, from which dependent claims 10 and 11 depend, has been overcome by the filing of a terminal disclaimer, applicants submit that this objection is rendered moot and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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